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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to a June 3, 2004 Final Office Action, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ended on September 3, 2004. A one-month extension is hereby requested, extending the period for response to October 4, 2004 because October 3, 2004 fell on a Sunday.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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